

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 5, as follows:

The invention is explained in greater detail below on the basis of the exemplary embodiments shown in the ~~drawing~~ drawings.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, at line 17, as follows:

Figure 3 shows a high-performance printer 1 that serves for fast printing of sheets of paper. The high-performance printer 1 contains a first, lower printing unit 2 as well as a second, upper printing unit 3. Both printing units 2 and 3 work according to the ~~known~~ known electrographic process and with the same transfer printing speed. The printing units 2 and 3 are followed by fixing devices 4 and 5 that are schematically shown in **Figure 3**. A paper input 6 is connected to the high-performance printer 1, the paper input 6 containing a plurality of supply containers 7-10 with single sheets as well as an external paper input channel 11 via which single sheets can be delivered from the outside via preceding, optional input units or, respectively, a paper pre-processor. Individual sheets are supplied to an input section 12 via a transport channel. A paper output 13 containing a plurality of output containers 14-16 is connected to the high-performance printer 1 at the output side. Two output channels 17 are also provided via which the printer sheets can be output to stations that process single sheets. The high-performance printer 1 outputs the printed single sheets via an output section 18.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, at line 21, as follows:

This high-performance printer 1 is controlled by a central control device 25 that is also referred to as a main module. The central control device 25 is connected to a plurality of sub-controllers 26 that are also referred to as sub-modules. The sub-controllers 26 control the units that are respectively allocated to them such as, for example, printing units 2 and 3, the conveyor devices, shunts, fixing devices, ~~etc 3 and 4, and the like~~. One of the sub-controllers 26 is arranged in the paper input ~~13~~ 6. Respective sheet counting sensors 27 that are connected to the sub-controller 26 of the paper input 6 are arranged adjacent to the supply

containers 7-10 of the paper input 6. The signals generated by the sensors 27 are forwarded via the sub-controller 26 to the central control device 25.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 10, as follows:

With reference to a vertically downwardly directed count arrow 28, **Figure 1** schematically shows the initial values and thresholds of a counter for a specific fixing drum. The start value for this fixing drum amounts to 1,200,000. This start value is an empirically determined value that indicates the number of printed DIN A4 pages after which the corresponding wear part (here: the fixing drum) must be replaced. Inventively, an arbitrary, other value within a range of tolerance for maintenance that is limited by a minimum lower limit and a maximum upper limit can also be selected instead of the empirically determined start value. An interface 29 connected to the central control device 25 is provided for this purpose, a computer 30 being connectible to the interface 29. A software module is stored on the computer 30 that can communicate with the software module stored in the central control device 25 and that can identify the user of the computer 30 as being authorized to change the initial value. This ensues by means of a specific authorization code that is transmitted from the computer 30 to the central control device 25. The setting function for the individual setting of the initial value is only enabled after receipt of this authorization code such that the user at the computer 30 can modify the initial value within the predefined range of tolerance for maintenance.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 1, as follows:

The values shown in the display are respectively counted down to zero. In the illustrated exemplary embodiment, thus, the pressure foils of the lower printing unit, the feed system B, the feed system C and the feed system [[B]] D must be replaced soon, in contrast whereto the pressure foils of the upper printing unit, the oil roller of the upper and lower printing unit, the paddle A, the paddle B at the operator side and at the drive side have just been replaced since the maintenance interval here has already been completely used up.